

HOUSE BILL 2651

By Hackworth

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, Part 21, relative to school
transportation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2101, is amended by adding a new subsection thereto, as follows:

(g) Upon written request of any parent of a student living within one and one-half (1 ½) miles of the nearest accessible route from the school in which such student is enrolled, the LEA shall conduct an investigation to determine if any special hazard zones are present within such area. For the purposes of this section, special hazards shall include an absence of sidewalks, a highway with four (4) or more lanes, an intersection where right turn on red is prohibited, one (1) or more sexual offenders as defined in Section 40-39-202 or violent sexual offenders as defined in Section 40-39-202 reside in such area, or any other condition which could affect the safety and well-being of children walking to school. If the LEA determines a special hazard zone is present it shall submit its findings to the commissioner of transportation. Unless the commissioner of transportation rejects such findings within sixty (60) days of their receipt, state transportation funds shall be provided for the school transportation needs of those students living within such special hazard zone.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.